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AD HOC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE ON PROJECT AQUATONE (ARC)

**Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 305
Administration Building, Central Intelligence Agency
at 3:00 p.m., 23 April 1958**

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Chairman

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Mr. Arthur C. Lundahl, CIA

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TYURA TAM

(Reference: [redacted], 18 April 1958)

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1. The Army, Navy, and Air Force members of the ARC this afternoon endorsed the TYURA TAM mission on the ground that the coverage was of such importance as would be worth a protest. The DD/I did not concur. OSI was requested to prepare a more extensive bill of particulars explaining their argument in Tab A of reference.

2. It was the view of all of the ARC that a TYURA TAM mission would be worth the risk of protest provided there was a possibility and operational feasibility on the same mission also of covering [redacted]

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Peripheral Missions

(Refs: [redacted] (DC-80-58), 16 April 1958;
[redacted] Ser NT-000105), 11 April 1958)

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3. The ARC agreed to recommend to the Project that the targets listed in the referenced papers be covered by use of the B configuration in

25X1 oblique position from the minimum distance offshore of the three-mile limit. Insofar as there is any competition for limited operational resources in achieving coverage of the requirements indicated between such coverage and that recommended for peripheral ELINT missions (see ARC-M-78, [] paragraphs 8 and 9), the ARC was of the view that peripheral ELINT coverage of LENINGRAD should take precedence, and a now unknown event of major significance in the ELINT field, such as fleet activity or a missile launching, might take precedence. (On the occasion of such an event, the ARC would submit timely recommendations.)

4. The foregoing recommendation is based upon the belief that in the current period of stand-down for USSR penetration much valuable peripheral photography could be obtained on peripheral areas and that such opportunity should not be missed. The Army illustrated by graphic material from the Crimea how the B configuration in oblique position could produce useful intelligence.

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25X1 5. The ARC agreed that [] messages [] except for flash reports arriving at CIA Watch Office during the night will be held for review by an HTAUTOMAT representative until 0530 hours. If information received requires immediate dissemination, it will be disseminated at once; otherwise, it will be held for delivery as early as possible during the morning after receipt. The foregoing agreement takes into account that the messages in question are received via AFCIN so that AFCIN Watch will provide a check against overlooking current indications of critical importance and prompt notification to other intelligence agencies in such event.

25X1 6. The new procedure is called for in view of the large number of [] messages being received during the night which are repeat messages, administrative information copies, and ELINT messages which are not of urgent interest and prompt dissemination of which needlessly is incurring heavy administrative burdens particularly on the courier service.

Recommendations for new Targets

7. The Chairman requested that when a member of the ARC submits recommendations for new targets to be covered he should provide copies to the other agencies as follows with distribution indicated: Army, Navy, and Air Force should send directly to military services and NSA and should submit eight (8) copies to the CIA TCO for distribution within CIA.

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Revision of Target Lists

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8. The Chairman noted that [] had been working with representatives of the members in the revision of the target list. It was agreed that the ARC would accept the revision as worked out by this group unless there was disagreement on any item. In such case, the matter would be referred to the ARC. The Chairman noted that there was no objection to establishing a single category Z for lowest priority thus eliminating the previous breakdown Z-1, Z-2, and Z-3.

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